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Newport Board of Education
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Madame Chairman and Members of the Board:

In accordance with 702 KAR 1:170, I am acknowledging to the board that the Data Breach and Security Best Practice Guide has been reviewed and we continue to implement security best practices to secure personal information security across our network and systems for the 2023-24 school year. We are required to provide this acknowledgement by August 31 of each year.

During the last school year we implemented two more key components to strengthen our district's resistance to potential data security or privacy breaches. The most immediately impactful item was the implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all staff accounts in accordance with the state's baseline security guidance. We already meet or exceed the baseline criteria in many areas, including our password requirements and conditional access rules to deter unauthorized access attempts from outside the country, where the majority of all attacks originate. The district also underwent a review of our Microsoft Secure Score with representatives from Microsoft, and adjusted settings with their help.

As always, we continue to educate all incoming employees on data security and privacy practices, and provide reminders and updates to all staff throughout the year. Heightening user awareness and instilling use of best practices is a key factor in protecting district data.

Please contact me with any questions regarding our data security practices and responsibilities.

Thank you,

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